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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hiroshi Ushimaru )  
Serial No. 10/654,171 ) Examiner: Ernesto Garcia  
Filing Date: September 3, 2003 ) Group Art Unit No. 3679  
For FITTING STRUCTURE FOR )  
KNOBS )

## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2004 regarding the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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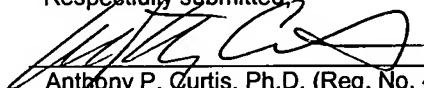
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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